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Brad G. Boyter
Western Clay Company
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Subject: Status of Operations, Western Clay Company, Last Chance Bentonite Mine, M/015/061, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Boyter:

According to your annual reports there has been no mining at the Last Chance Bentonite mine for about five years. Rule R647-4-117.2, requires an operator to notify the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining if an operation is in suspension or is expected to be in suspension for more than two years. The Division may require reclamation after operations have been suspended for five years, and is obligated to require reclamation after ten years of inactivity unless an operator first files a request with the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining for an extended suspension period.

Please inform the Division of your intentions for the operation.

Please contact Wayne Western at 801-538-5263 if you have questions about this request. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker
Mining Program Manager

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cc: Chris Conrad Price BLM (cconrad@blm.gov)

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